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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS IN GUINEA - ILHR INTEREST IN
POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: A) CONAKRY 12 B) 77 CONAKRY 2417 C) 77 STATE 305618
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1. FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO GUINEA HAS ASKED IF DEPART-
MENT WOULD BE WILLING TO SHARE DETAILED INFORMATION ON
RELEASED PRISONERS WITH ILHR. IN VIEW OF EMBASSY STATEMENT
PARA 8 REFTEL D THAT INFORMATION SHOULD BE CLOSELY HELD TO
PROTECT RELEASED PRISONERS AND AVOID COMPLICATING FUTURE
RELEASES AND GUINEA'S VERY NEGATIVE REACTION TO ILHR RE-
PORT WE HAVE NOT RELEASED DETAILS ON PRISONER RELEASES TO
ANYONE. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENT ON PASSING IN-
FORMATION TO ILHR.

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2. REQUEST IN PART ARISES FROM LETTER DATED DECEMBER 30
WRITTEN TO ILHR FROM A FRENCHMAN, WILLIAM GEMAYEL WHO MAY
HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH THREE PRISONERS WHO WERE RECENTLY
RELEASED AND WENT TO FRANCE (REFTELS D AND E) TWO OF WHICH
HE REFERS TO AS LEBANESE (RACHID ABOUCHACRA AND EDOUARD
KARAM) AND ONE TO WHICH HE REFERS TO AS A FRENCHMAN (ELIE

HAYECK).

3. THE LETTER STATES THAT THE RELEASE INCLUDED 42 GUINEANS OF NO PARTICULAR NOTE AND ADDS THAT THE APPARENT MOTIVE FOR THE RELEASE WAS A GUINEAN SOCCER VICTORY. THE LETTER NOTES THE CONTINUED DETENTION OF ARCHBISHOP TCHIDIMBO AND EDOUARD LAMBIN (UNIDENTIFIED) AT CAMP BOIRO. THE LETTER ALSO STATES THAT THE LIBERATED PRISONERS PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THOSE ARRESTED IN THE LAST PLOT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT (PRESUMABLY 1976): DIALLO TELLI (JUSTICE MINISTER), BARRY ALPHA OUMAR (NATIONAL POLITICAL BUREAU), Drame Alioune (Finance Minister), Sy Savane Souleymane (Prosecutor General), Sekou Camara (Unidentified), Captain Kouyate Lamine (Police Commander), Lt. Diallo Alasane (Unidentified) and Camara Daouda (Unidentified). THE LETTER STATES THAT AFTER THE ABOVE WERE ARRESTED AND TORTURED TO OBTAIN CONFESSIONS THAT THEY HAD PARTICIPATED IN A PLOT AGAINST THE SECURITY OF THE STATE, THEY WERE LOCKED IN A ROOM AND LEFT TO DIE OF THIRST AND HUNGER. ONLY SOULEYMANE, SEKOU CAMARA AND CAMAR DAOUDA ARE SAID TO HAVE SURVIVED.

4. DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT REFTEL A INDICATED RELEASES TOTALING 62 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN DECEMBER INCLUDING A NUMBER OF FORMER HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS. REFTEL A ALSO INDICATES THAT TOURE PREPARED TO RELEASE MORE HIGH LEVEL CONFIDENTIAL

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DETAINEES INCLUDING Drame AND BARRY WHO WERE SEEN TO BE ALIVE IN CAMP BOIRO AS OF 17 DECEMBER AND THAT WHEREABOUTS OF DIALLO TELLI COULD NOT BE CONFIRMED. WOULD APPRECIATE POST COMMENT.

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